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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
2. An Amendment after Final Rejection (21 pages);
3. Exhibits A-H to Amendment after Final Rejection;
4. Affidavit of David M. Sprague (3 pages);
5. A Petition for Extension of Time (Form PTO/SB/22, 2 pages) in duplicate;
6. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
7. Copies of seven (7) cited references and Assignee Weekly Status Reports;
8. Form PTO/SB/08A in duplicate;

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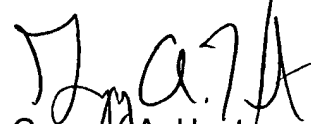
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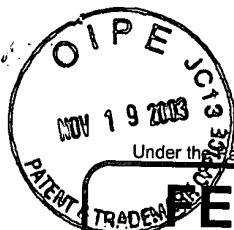
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1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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